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The Committee has had a long standing agreement with the Department of Defense permitting free access to audit reports produced by the four different audit agencies in DoD. This has proven to be beneficial to both the Committee and the Department.

We would appreciate your assistance in broadening this Committee policy to include the Intelligence Community programs as well, and specifically in obtaining copies of all the audit reports produced by or on the Intelligence Community for the last 3 months. In addition, we would also appreciate being placed on the normal distribution list for all such future audits.

Because the Committee has always been impressed with the quality of the audits produced in the Department of Defense, we have traditionally been strong supporters of requests for funds and personnel for audit functions. In order to judge the adequacy of the audit function within the Intelligence Community, we would appreciate receiving a summary of each of the organizations in the Intelligence Community addressing: (1) how the audit function is handled; (2) the number of manyears and dollars dedicated to the audit function; (3) the number of audits produced annually; (4) whether the audit function includes program evaluation or is restricted to the more traditional accounting review; (5) the degree to which the auditors are permitted unrestricted access to all programs and information; (6) who determines the topics to be reviewed; (7) the extent to which any backlog of audit requirements exists which is not funded in the FY 1986 budget request;

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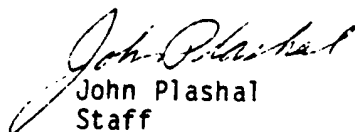
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(8) what procedures are in place to reconcile disagreements between audit findings and the positions taken by program managers; and (9) the extent to which savings documented by audit reports are reflected in the FY 1986 budget request.

Since time is somewhat limited before the Committee marks up the FY 1986 request, we appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


John Plashal
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